

Consent Form – A survey of variation in speech perception

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Consent to Act as a Research Participant

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Benjamin Lang, graduate student at University of California, San Diego, is conducting a research study to find out more about how social status influences speech perception. You have been asked to take part because you are a native speaker of a language of interest, and because of your participation on the Prolific platform. There will be approximately 100 participants in this study.

If you agree to be in this study, you may do any of the following: (a) listen to words or sounds, and (b) answer questions and provide your best judgments about words or sounds. You may be asked to respond to stimuli (i.e. click a mouse, move sliders) when instructed. Each session will last no more than 60 minutes, but typically takes much less time, as listed in the description of this task on the Prolific website.

Participation in this study may involve some added risks or discomfort. These include the potential for boredom or fatigue. Other risks are no greater than those experienced in everyday life. Since this is an investigational study there may be other unknown risks that are currently unforeseeable. You will be informed of any significant new findings.

You will be compensated monetarily, as listed in the description of this task on the Prolific website.

There may or may not be any direct benefit to you from these procedures. The investigator, however, may learn more about how language processing works, and thereby be able to contribute to medical, therapeutic, and technological issues related to language use. Your alternative to participation is to not participate.

By consenting, you acknowledge that this study has been satisfactorily explained to you. If you have questions, you may reach Benjamin Lang at blang@ucsd.edu. You may contact the UCSD Human Research Protections Program at (858) 657-5100 should you have a question regarding your rights as a research participant or to report research-related problems.

Participation is entirely voluntary. You may withdraw or refuse to participate at any time without penalty.

Research records will be kept confidential by using an alphanumeric code, instead of your name, to identify your data files. Your data will be kept on a password-protected computer.